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On August 20, 2009, the CIRM Governing Board heard from two speakers about the key role of basic research in developing therapies for patients. Irv Weissman described how his lab's basic research of the immune system led to the identification of blood-forming stem cells and new therapeutic strategies to treat various blood diseases. Arturo Alvarez-Buylla discussed how basic research of brain development has helped his team to zero in on specific neural stem cells that may help repair various neurological disorders. Click on the links below to watch the videos:

- Welcoming Remarks, Robert Klein, J.D., Chair of the Governing Board and Sam Hawgood, M.B.B.S., Dean of the UCSF School of Medicine and member of the CIRM Governing Board.
- Irv Weissman, PhD, Director - Institute of Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine
- Arturo Alvarez-Buylla, PhD, Professor of Neurological Surgery, Principal Investigator - Brain Tumor Research Center; UCSF Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regeneration Medicine and Stem Cell Research

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